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At a Glance

The Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) has an ambitious and important mission: biomedical translation. It defines biomedical translation as a process that converts scientific discoveries into products and services to benefit patients. Patient care tends to follow standardized processes that are evidence-based but do not address all individual drivers of disease. BIH tackles unmet medical needs in the field of precision medicine by contributing scientific concepts and practical solutions to directly benefit individual needs of patients and support translational communities.

BIH Biomedical Innovation Academy (BIA) focuses on young scientists and acts as a think tank for strategic personnel development in biomedicine and for new models of academic innovation. Through “early scouting” of outstanding talents and target group-specific support programs, a new generation of translationally trained young clinical and scientific professionals is being produced. The community thus created by several hundred BIA Fellows and Alumni heralds a cultural change in biomedicine that stands for translation in action.

BIA specifically promotes women in their academic career and is committed to a good work-life balance. Program participants have e.g. the possibility to pause their personal support by up to 36 months (max. 18 months per child) in the context of parental leave.

BIA offers the following types of support:

- BIH-MD Student Research Stipends
- BIH PhD Program
- BIH Charité Junior Clinician Scientist Program
- BIH Charité Clinician Scientist Program
- BIH Charité Junior Digital Clinician Scientist Program
- BIH Charité Digital Clinician Scientist Program
- BIH Charité Advanced Clinician Scientist Program
- Mobility and Innovation Fund
BIH-MD Student Research Stipends

Aims
BIH-MD Student Research Stipends guarantee the research time required for excellent doctoral work whilst pursuing a Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent. degree.

Structure and Contents
BIH-MD Research Stipends are open for all translational research projects and are announced annually.

Application and Funding Details
Eligible to apply are medical students and students of dentistry enrolled at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin who are registered for a Dr. med., MD/PhD or Dr. med. dent. qualification. A stipend of € 1,200 per month for up to 12 months is granted if selected for funding.

BIH PhD Program

Aims
The BIH PhD Program promotes young translational talents within the BIH ecosystem and beyond to pursue a PhD, MD/PhD or Dr. rer. nat.

Structure and Contents
The BIH PhD Program is open for collaborative translational research projects with members from the BIH Faculty and is announced annually.

Application and Funding Details
Eligible to apply are project leaders who belong to a research group affiliated to the BIH. The BIH PhD program will provide funding for a PhD position consisting of a 65% E13 position for two years. The hosting group will provide funding for at least one more year.

BIH Charité (Junior) Clinician Scientist Program

Aims
The BIH Charité Clinician Scientist Program (CSP) provides a unique opportunity for young medical doctors to combine their clinical training with protected time for research during their residency training. This structured career path fosters translation of scientific discoveries into application and strengthens the innovative capacity of academic medicine. It was recommended as a »best practice model« in 2015 by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Structure and Contents
Clinician Scientists and Junior Clinician Scientists are allotted 50% or 20% of their working hours as »protected time« to exclusively conduct research, respectively. Both programs offer their members a structured curriculum. The appointment of clinical and scientific mentors, as well as regular meetings, ensure guidance and support. Participants within the CSP are expected to have completed both their residency and their postdoctoral teaching qualification (»Habilitation«) at the end of the program.

Application
Eligibility criteria for both tracks are a completed doctorate, scientific publication record appropriate for the career stage, a continuous scientific research interest and a promising project outline. Candidates for the Programs need to have completed less than three years of residency training for Junior Clinician Scientist Program and at least three years of their residency training for CSP. They need to be employed by Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. Residents returning from abroad are eligible to apply for the CSP if they have a position at Charité in prospect.
**BIH Charité (Junior) Digital Clinician Scientist Program**

**Aims**
The aim of this »digital science« career track is to prepare academic clinicians for the challenges of the emerging technological transformation of medicine, extending the already existing successful Clinician Scientist Program with the new structural element of digital science training.

**Structure and Contents**
During clinical specialization, Digital Clinician Scientists and Junior Digital Clinician Scientists are allotted 50% or 20% of their working hours as »protected time« to exclusively conduct research. The regular CSP curriculum is extended with training blocks focused on particular emerging technologies/methodologies in innovative formats. Participants within the Digital CSP are expected to have completed both their residency and their postdoctoral teaching qualification (»Habilitation«) at the end of the program.

**Application**
Eligibility criteria are the same as for regular CSP and JCSP applications (see above).

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**BIH Charité Advanced Clinician Scientist Program**

**Aims**
Advanced Clinician Scientist Program (AdCSP) is designed as a target-group and career-phase specific, sustainable support program, which strives for a close integration of individual and institutional support. The primary goal of the program is to simultaneously incentivize the fellows and recognize the permissive academic culture of the respective clinics or institutes.

**Eligibility and Funding Details**
Eligible to apply are Charité Clinics with single or tandem candidates. The target group comprises habilitated specialists (or specialists with habilitation-equivalent achievements) whose specialist qualification preferably does not date back more than four years (no specialties), or senior physicians in the early phase.

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**Career Path**

**Junior (Digital) Clinician Scientists**
- 20% protected time
- 2 years
- clinical and scientific mentor
- target agreement

**Advanced Clinician Scientists**
- 25%-50% protected time
- 3-6 years

**Research stipends**

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**Clinical School**
- 6 Years

**Residency / specialty training**
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

**Subspecialty**
- 2 Years

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**Clinical Path**

**Junior (Digital) Clinician Scientists**
- 50% protected time
- 3 years
- clinical and scientific mentor
- target agreement
- structured (D)CSP curriculum

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**Advanced Clinician Scientists**
- 25%-50% protected time
- 3-6 years

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